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OBITUARY.

Gen. Asahel Stone, a Prominent and Valued Resident of Winchester.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WINCHESTER, Ind., Feb. 25.—Gen. Asahel Stone died at his home in this city at 6 o'clock this morning. He was born near Marietta, O., June 29, 1817. In 1818 his parents removed with him to Aurora, Ind., and in 1823 to Cincinnati, O., where he resided until his marriage with Lydia B. Preston, in 1837, when they removed to the city of New Orleans. In 1839 they came to Winchester, which has ever since been his home. He was a carpenter by trade, which business he followed till May, 1861, when he was appointed by Governor Morton Commissioner of the Banks for the State of Indiana, and in October, 1862, Quartermaster-general. In his official capacity he proved himself a superior man, and was frequently commended by Governor Morton in his annual messages. For twenty-five years he had been engaged in banking in this city, serving all of that time as president of the banks with which he was identified. He served the country twice as Representative and once as Senator in the State Legislature. By his industry and frugality he had built up a large fortune, which he used most liberally in the interests of this place. His liberality gave to the city Fountain Park Cemetery, which comprises forty acres of land just south of the city, most beautifully designed and ornamented. His splendid donations to the trustees of the M. E. Church enabled them to complete one of the most beautiful church edifices in the State. His private library, which is large and valuable, has been left to the High School. His funeral will take place from the M. E. Church, of which he was a member, at 2 o'clock on Friday.

Other Deaths.

St. Louis, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Jane Chambers, the only surviving daughter of John Mulvaney, to whose munificence the St. Louis Mulvaney Hospital and the Sacred Heart Convent in this city owe their existence, died last night, at the age of ninety-two years, at the old Chambers homestead, near Ferguson. She leaves three generations of descendants.

Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 25.—A dispatch received here to-day from Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, announces the sudden death of Dr. Thomas McCabe, who, until last year, occupied the chair of German in Indiana University. He was a well-known educator.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Prof. H. D. Garrison, of this city, who held chairs in various medical colleges of the city, and who also, at one time, was professor of chemistry in Beloit College, is dead. The immediate cause of his death was Bright's disease.

Plankinton, S. D., Feb. 25.—Hon. H. C. Ayers, a prominent member of the board of trustees of the University of South Dakota, fell dead after delivering a speech, exactly as did Secretary Wainwright.

She Passed Twenty-four Days. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 25.—Maria L. Fry, an aged single woman of this city, has just finished a twenty-four day fast. She thought she was called upon by God to fast forty days. Her physician forced her to eat, threatening to remove her to the insane asylum, which caused her to yield. She was very weak.

DOWN A CANAL EMBANKMENT

Terrible Accident on the Pennsylvania Railway at Hagerstown, Ind.

Cincinnati and Chicago Fast Express Train Leaves the Track and the Passenger Cars Tumble Into the Bed of a Canal.

Three Persons Killed, Three Fatally Injured and Nearly Thirty Badly Hurt.

Broken Connecting-Rod Causes the Accident—The Wreck Takes Fire, but the Flames Are Subdued—List of Casualties.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 25.—A terrible railroad accident occurred on the Richmond division of the Panhandle, at Hagerstown, sixteen miles out of this city, at 3:50 o'clock this afternoon, in which three persons were instantly killed, one mortally wounded, if not two others, and a large number injured.

The fast train between Chicago and Cincinnati was coming down a steep grade into the town, when the frame-work of the engine, No. 494, in charge of W. W. Bartlett, engineer, and Noah Dunn, fireman, broke and derailed every car. In this condition the train passed the station and came to the canal bridge, where there is a fifteen-foot fill. Here the fatality occurred, and it came near proving even more terrible than it was, as the cars caught fire, but the fire was quickly extinguished.

The smoker first turned on its side, and the day coach and parlor car "Eugenia," the smoking compartment of which contained all the killed, breaking away from the smoking-car but holding together, rolled over twice in their descent of the embankment. The derailed baggage car remained attached to the engine, and away beyond the other cars struck a guard at the road-crossing, and again mounted the tracks and escaped almost uninjured, but the engine, though holding the rail, was about as badly wrecked as the parlor and day coaches.

In leaving the tracks the cars tore down the telegraph poles, and it was almost impossible to get any accurate news of the accident until the trains arrived here with the dead and wounded. The wrecking crew was gotten out of here as soon as possible, carrying surgeons and assistance of every kind, and a second train was sent out at 6 o'clock with a large number of people.

THE DEAD AND INJURED.

The following is a correct list of the dead: ARTHUR M. REEVES, capitalist and author, brother-in-law of William Dudley Foulke, Richmond, Ind., neck broken.

OTIS F. DEAL, engineer of maintenance of way, Richmond division, died at 5:00; skull fractured.

GEORGE S. NEEDHAM, claim agent Richmond division of the road, Richmond, Ind.; skull fractured.

The mortally wounded are as follows: CHARLES B. CASE, conductor, Logansport, Ind., skull fractured; will die.

Mrs. GEORGE MCGRAW, Richmond, badly out from the head and bruised about the body; will probably die.

MRS. J. C. BROWN, Sacramento, Cal., serious contusion of the chest and cut over the left ear; will probably die.

The less seriously injured are as follows: M. HILL, Nos. 472 to 478 West Front street, Cincinnati, contusion of the head and arms.

G. WENTZ, porter of the Pullman car "Eugenia," Newport, Ky., left ankle dislocated and forehead badly cut.

INFANT STARR, a grandchild of Mrs. McGraw, died.

JOHN M. EDWARDS, Richmond, wounded about the head.

ADAM STEINBERGER and brother WILEY, Westville, O., both hurt in back of head.

FRANK W. EDDY, Westfield, Mass., back badly sprained.

MISS ROTH, Dayton, O., right hand badly cut, and her sister, Mrs. C. E. DUDLEY, Dayton, severe contusion on right side.

MR. AND MRS. BENSON, Logansport, Ind., badly bruised; also, her two small children, HENRY and EARL.

MRS. ANNA ENGELBRECHT, Logansport, Ind., and three children, badly shocked.

HENRY C. FOX, Richmond, severe scalp wound and contusion of the spine.

A. H. EYRE, Richmond, severely cut over the back.

T. W. GLENN, No. 251 West Fourth street, Philadelphia, cut in the left arm and injured internally.

JOHN CROCKER, Chicago, contusion of the back and face.

CHARLES PAGE, Richmond, had out on top of head and back of head.

G. H. EDMONDS, Troy, O., cut in the head and a broken finger.

MRS. SUSAN STUBBACH, Trenton, Mo., both hands badly cut, and a great deal of bruising.

SOPHIA EVANS, New Castle, Ind., contusion of the right arm.

DORA CLARK, New Castle, Ind., contusion of the head.

CLYTON LINN, Martin's Ferry, O., hurt on right foot.

J. P. STANZA, Eaton, O., left arm badly bruised and right cheek bone broken.

J. W. KRAMER, Irabraman, Logansport, severe scalp wound, left leg badly bruised and contusion of left arm.

HARRIS T. LAMAR, Amphers, Wis., severe contusion in back of head.

JACK T. BOOTES, Richmond, very severe contusion of left side of head.

ROBERT HODGIN, road foreman of engines, hand scalded and abrasion of right leg.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

Hagerstown is not a regular-stopping place for the train, and as it is situated in a basin it is customary to come down the grade with great speed to gain momentum for climbing the grade on the opposite side of the town. This made it impossible for the engineer to get control of his engine when he discovered that something had broken—before one of the side rods dropped from its driver—and then there was no hope. How the engine kept the rail and the cars ran so far on the ties before breaking apart, as though waiting for the high fill, down which they rolled, passes all understanding. They had just cleared the bridge over the canal when they went over. While the location of the accident was otherwise the most unfortunate one within the basin, the ready supply of water made it quick work for the bucket brigade in extinguishing the flames, which apparently started in the three cars at the same time. Reeves, Needham and Case were all killed instantly, and were found lying together. Dead was found in the top

of the car, and his suffering was intense during the two hours he lived. The sides of the cars were mashed to smithereens, and not a glass was left in their windows.

Deal's and Case's watches are reported stolen, but it may be that friends have them, as your correspondent found Case's diamond ring and money.

The dead men being very popular in various circles here, and so many Richmond people being passengers, including quite a number whose injuries did not justify the mention of their names, the excitement was intensified far beyond what would otherwise have been occasioned by so fearful an accident so near here. Indeed, it cast a gloom over the entire city that was even greater after the arrival of the train bringing the dead and wounded. The crowd at the Union Station even exceeded that which paid tribute to General Sherman.

WILL SUE THE GOVERNMENT.

An Ohio Preacher and General Fremont's Heirs Want Pay for a Valuable Island.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 25.—The Rev. W. R. Covert, of Findlay, O., has retained counsel to press the claim of himself and the heirs of Gen. John C. Fremont to the ownership of Bird Island in the bay of San Francisco. The amount involved is estimated at over \$100,000. General Fremont, when United States Governor of California, purchased the island from Mexico. Uncle Sam repudiated the purchase and declined to either buy from the "Path-finder," or reimburse him. Hence, the government, some years later, took possession of the island, which is the key to San Francisco harbor, and put a light-house upon it at a cost of over \$200,000. General Fremont sought relief from Congress in vain. Some time before he died, being low in funds, he secured financial aid from the Rev. Mr. Covert, giving them the use of the island for a half interest in the island. He intended to press his claim, but death intervened. Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont and her son will now join in the proceedings through the Court of Claims.

BOOMERS CAUGHT BY A BLIZZARD.

Severs "Nether" Swoops Down on the Fool-hardy Invaders of the Cherokee Strip.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 25.—Probably what will prove to be the severest blizzard of the season is raging in Kansas to-night. It commenced late this afternoon, when the cold wave of yesterday became intensified. The thermometer dropped to 10° above zero and a high wind came down from the northwest. At 7 o'clock it began to snow, and the storm developed into a blinding blizzard. Dispatches from southern Kansas state that a "norther" is raging in the Cherokee Strip and that intense suffering will be experienced by the foolhardy boomers who have invaded the strip, contrary to law, but went into the barren country wholly unprepared for any emergency such as the present. There are fully three thousand boomers in the strip, and they are equipped only with the meager comforts afforded in the furniture of a prairie schooner. Most of them are actually provided with no shelter, and are covered by a blanket they will endure great suffering.

CONDITION OF THE RIVERS.

Signal Service Bulletin, Showing What May Be Expected from the Present Rise.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The signal office furnishes the following special bulletin to the press: High water is impending in the Mississippi river below Cairo. The highest water, 53.3 feet, occurs at Cincinnati to-day, Feb. 25, there having been a rise of sixteen feet in the past six days. The upper Ohio, the Kanawha and Big Sandy rivers are falling. The Arkansas river is stationary at a stage of 29 feet at St. Louis, and a rise of 29 feet at Chattanooga, a rise of 13 feet in four days. The Cumberland at Nashville is 34.4 feet, a rise of three feet in one day. There has been a rise of 5 feet in one day. At Cairo the stage of water is 44.3 feet and rising. By March 3 a stage of 47.5 feet may be expected at Cairo. A comparison with the high stages of previous years shows that the following stages may be expected at places along the lower river: Memphis, 34 feet, by March 6; Greenville, 40 feet, by March 6; Helena, 35 feet, by March 7; Vicksburg, 46 feet, by the 8th; Baton Rouge, 34 feet by the 12th. A cold wave is sweeping over the country from the West and is likely to bring a very considerable amount will fall in the Ohio valley in the next few days.

Loss of Life in California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 25.—Up to noon to-day reports showed that at least six persons lost their lives in the flood. The family of Charles Watts is also missing from near Downey, and are supposed to have been drowned. The Wells family, consisting of man, wife and babe, were drowned at Duart, and the bodies of two Mexicans were found in the same neighborhood. The worst of the flood was probably at Downey and vicinity. Old and New San Gabriel rivers broke from their banks and ran over the surrounding country, and saw six to ten miles wide and seventeen miles long. Many houses were swept away, and a number of families occupying the territory inundated have not been heard from. Sheds heard at Downey Monday morning, fired at Watts's ranch-house, are supposed to have been a signal of distress. The house was soon swept away, and it is feared that the whole family perished in the current.

Slowly Rising at New Albany.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Feb. 25.—The river continues slowly rising, and though a fall is expected from above within the next twenty-four hours, the damage to crops and houses on the river bottoms on both sides of the river, between here and Leavenworth, will be very great. The New Albany Manufacturing Company closed down to-day, the water having reached its boilers. There is little or no suffering or want, on account of the precautions taken before the rise. It is thought the water will have reached its highest stage by noon to-morrow.

Stationary at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 25.—Since 10 o'clock this forenoon the river here has been stationary at fifty-two feet and four inches, with occasional fluctuations of half an inch, caused by high wind or the passage of a harbor boat when the water-gauge was read. The weather is clear and growing colder.

Meredith Stanley, a professional bridge-jumper, leaped from the Cincinnati and Newport bridge safely to-day, and would have leaped from and the damage has been enormous. It has rained almost constantly for the past twenty days.

It Is Now Not a Night Byrnes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The Byrnes of Italy has conferred the order of knighthood on

Police Inspector Thomas F. Byrnes. The parchment conferring the order and the large gold cross have been received by the Italian consul in this city and will be bestowed on the Inspector in a few days. This recognition is attributed to the fact that the Inspector has assisted many Italians in this city, and has also rendered valuable services to the Italian government by arresting brigands, who had escaped from Italy after the commission of serious crimes.

RELINQUISHED THEIR CLAIM.

Trustees of the Fayerweather Estate Step Aside in Favor of the College.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—There was a sensation in store for the afternoon session of the hearing in the contest of the will of leather merchant Fayerweather, who left a big fortune to various colleges, Henry D. Vaughan, while on the witness-stand, said that he, Thomas G. Ritch and Justus L. Buckley had joined in an instrument relinquishing any claim to the residuary estate. As the residuary estate was considered to be worth from one million to a million and a half to them as residuary legatees, the importance of their action is apparent. It knocks the bottom out of the main purpose of the contest. Prior to this the contest of counsel, the will itself, was admitted to probate. In view of these concessions and by the will standing divested of codicils, Ritch and Buckley will receive their residue in trust to divide among the colleges and hospitals mentioned in the will.

The important instrument by which the residuary legatees divested themselves as such of the residuary estate, after the specific bequests of over \$2,000,000 to colleges and other institutions, virtually acts as a new will in itself. This residuary estate is estimated at a sum of \$4,000,000. Many of the colleges named in the will secure large accessions to the original bequests, and new institutions become endowments. Those to get the greater share are probably the ones designated by the instrument to share in its residue.

To-day's developments will result in \$100,000 going to the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill.; \$35,000 to Shattuck School, Fairbank, Minn.; \$50,000 additional to Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and \$50,000 additional to Wabash College, the amount in each case to be used as a Fayerweather fund in some distinctive manner, either for the erection of buildings, the establishment of scholarships, or other use which, in the judgment of the authorities, will be of the greatest practical benefit, the mode of use to be subject to approval.

TOOK FORCEFUL POSSESSION.

Alliance Officers Steal a March on Republicans by Using Crow-Bars and Hammers.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Feb. 25.—Two weeks ago at the county election the Farmers' Alliance ticket was successful. The Republican officeholders, claiming the election to have been had without authority of law, refused to allow the officers elected to take possession of the offices. The Farmers' Alliance officers set up independent offices, and have been carrying on the county's business since Saturday. Early this morning, before the Republican officers got down to business, the Farmers' Alliance officers obtained a writ of mandamus to the county officers, with crow-bars, cold-chisels and sledge-hammers, a general assault was made upon the safes and vaults, and they were opened. The Farmers' Alliance officers took an invoice of all the contents and began business. The Republican officers appealed to United States Marshal Grimes, but he declined to do so. The Republicans highly charged, but will probably attempt no vengeance.

BULKELEY TO HILL.

Caustic Letter to the Governor of New York from the Governor of Connecticut.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 25.—The following letter was sent to Governor Hill this afternoon from Morgan C. Bulkeley, Governor of Connecticut:

Dear Sir:—Understanding from your official action, as reported to me officially, that criminal cases against the Farmers' Alliance officers are safe from arrest and return for prosecution when they have entered the gates of the city of New York, I am, to this end, or that any other person, to inform you that there are now in the Connecticut State prison about two hundred convicts, who are being sent to New York, and with propriety turn over to you.

I have no doubt that every one would prove a loyal and obedient subject to the laws of the State of New York and the protection of its executive. Express trains are being sent to New York, and the purpose of the ward such available reinforcements for your service, I have the honor to remain respectfully, MORGAN C. BULKELEY, Governor.

Features of Kansas Legislation.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 25.—The House this morning passed a bill appropriating \$3,500 to establish an experimental station at the State University to promote investigation into Prof. Snow's scheme of destroying chinch-bugs by contagion with cholera-infected insects.

The committee on congressional apportionment submitted its report, accompanying a bill dividing the State into congressional districts. The State is now composed of seven districts. The bill was passed.

The House passed Speaker Elder's maximum freight-rate bill came up as the special order and was passed. The effect of the bill is to reduce freight rates in the State 20 per cent.

The Senate passed the bill prohibiting combination among persons engaged in buying and selling live stock. The bill makes it unlawful for persons engaged in buying or selling live stock either to enter into an agreement which tends to prevent full and free competition, or which tends to the maintenance of any such as a minimum price for the service of selling live stock for others.

Platform of the American Party.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The Council of National American Societies, which has been in session here since Monday, completed its work to-day. The officers elected are: President, Col. G. H. Maner, of this city; vice-president, G. H. Bartlett, of Massachusetts; secretary, James S. Reynolds, of Illinois; treasurer, S. J. H. Trainer, of Michigan. The platform declares in favor of free speech, a free press, the restriction of foreign immigration, an educational franchise, free common schools, no appropriations from the national treasury for sectarian purposes, and in favor of giving public land to actual citizens and bona fide settlers only. It is not proposed to form a distinct political party, but to favor the party which will incorporate its principles in its platform. The organization claims to represent 1,500,000 voters.

Iowa Farmers Will Nominate a Ticket.

SHOULCROFT, Ia., Feb. 25.—The Eleventh Iowa district Farmers' Alliance conference was in session here to-day. J. B. Power, president of the National Alliance, and H. E. Farrow, president of the Iowa Alliance, and other prominent leaders were present. It was resolved to apply the secret rules of the order to the Iowa Alliance, to put a full State ticket in the field in Iowa this fall, and to continue to adhere to prohibition and a low tariff. President Farrow will probably be the Alliance candidate for Governor.

Senator Chandler Fires Back.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 25.—Senator Chandler, in a double-leaded editorial over his own signature in the Monitor to-night, reiterated his charge that Senator-elect J. H. Gallinger, H. W. Green and other Republicans had entered into a conspiracy with Hon. Frank Jones, Hon. C. A. Sinclair and other prominent Democrats, and further states that of the truth of these charges it will be his duty soon to endeavor to satisfy the public.

THAT ALLEGED SILVER POOL

It Did Not Exist, According to the Report of the Investigating Committee.

Cameron and Taylor Were the Only Members of Congress Who Speculated—Mr. Owenby, of Illinois, Called a "Romancer."

Mr. Aldrich Tells Why None but Appropriation Bills Can Pass the Senate.

Majority Completely at the Mercy of the Minority—Direct-Tax Measure and Judiciary Bills Certain to Become Law.

CONGRESSMEN EXONERATED.

Report of the House Committee That Investigated the Alleged Silver Pool.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The silver pool investigating committee made its report to the House this evening. The report, which is unanimous, gives the history of the investigation, alluding to the more important testimony, but not reviewing it in detail. It dismisses the testimony of Mr. Owenby as the product of a "romancer" whose imagination is not restrained by the limitations of truth. "Prior to the examination of Owenby," says the report, "the testimony of Senators Vassar, Cameron and Mr. Littler brought out the fact that the latter had purchased silver for Senator Cameron pending the silver legislation of the last session, and had sold it by the Senator's order before the silver bill passed. Subsequently Representative Abner Taylor, of Illinois, appeared before the committee and testified that he bought silver before the silver bill became law, and when no additional silver legislation was proposed or expected, and had sold it in August last."

"It is but just to say," continues the report, "that a statement by Hon. E. H. Conger in debate in the House on the 24th of June, 1890, to the effect that he had been 'approached to join a silver pool,' furnished some excuse for the publication of the general allegation that silver pools existed pending the silver legislation of July of that year, but none of the members of certain Senators and Representatives had accepted such invitation. Mr. Conger, who is now the United States Minister to Brazil, and therefore beyond censure, was requested by cable to transmit to the committee the names of persons who had approached him in order that they might be subpoenaed, but he declined so to do."

EXAGGERATIONS IN THE HEAT OF DEBATE.

"The fact that the exaggerated expressions sometimes made by a member in the heat of debate, in order to further or defeat a measure, may furnish an excuse for if not suggest such dispatches, affords an additional reason for a careful avoidance in debate of intimations that corrupt influences are being brought to bear upon members to affect legislation, unless the member making such insinuations is prepared to substantiate the charge. It is well understood that a good measure of the country weakened by even a suspicion that improper means are being employed to advance it."

"Our committee have been unable to obtain any evidence to support Owenby's original charge that there was a silver pool or organization of silver speculators, who had made large purchases of silver bullion, and was exerting its combined influence to bring about silver legislation which would bring a large profit to the manipulators. There were many speculators buying silver individually, and probably in some cases in company, for an anticipated rise through expected legislation, but no evidence was obtained of any such combination of speculators working together to this end, or that any Senator or Representative was connected with such a pool."

THE "SILVER COMMITTEE'S" WORK.

"The only organized or combined effort to induce silver legislation disclosed by the evidence was the public organization known as the 'silver committee,' appointed by the St. Louis silver convention, which has had its headquarters at Washington during the past year. The purpose of the committee was to secure legislation, according to the testimony of Mr. Francis G. Nevlands, of Nevada, one of its members, has printed and distributed hundreds of thousands of pamphlets, and has published articles in newspapers, and maintained agents in the field to visit organizations, particularly Farmers' Alliances, in various parts of the country for the purpose of inducing up and spreading the expression of a public sentiment in favor of free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 of gold. It has expended the salary of the secretary, of not less than \$10,000, nor more than \$15,000 during the past year, which expense has been met by voluntary contributions of owners of silver mines and bullion, and others favoring such legislation."

"There